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SUBJECT: COTE D'IVOIRE MINISTRY OF FINANCE DISCUSSES  
TERRORIST FINANCE AND USG CONCERN OVER ILLICIT CASH  
COURIERS; CDI EXAMINING THE UN 1267 SANCTIONS COMMITTEE LIST

REF: A. A. SECSTATE 16120

¶B. B. SECTSTATE 5631

¶1. EconOff spoke with the Ministry of Finance's Director of Cabinet Ahoutou about points raised in reftel. Ahoutou said the government of Cote d'Ivoire takes the matter seriously, and government agencies charged with enforcing limits on international cash transfers are well trained and vigilant. Ahoutou promised to examine the question in further detail in coordination with his counterparts from relevant ministries, and would provide us with a written description of government efforts if warranted. Post will report the contents of any such response if received.

¶2. Concurrently, Post received two diplomatic notes from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on terrorist financing. Cote d'Ivoire assures the U.S. that it will look closely at the five individuals recently designated under United States Executive Order 13224 as terrorist facilitators and will report as soon as the country's relevant institutions have sufficiently examined the matter. The Ivorian government is disseminating through relevant ministeries the names of the two individuals accepted by the United Nations 1267 Sanctions Committee (of the five submitted by the U.S. and named in the Executive Order) for incorporation onto the list of those with ties to Usama bin Laden, the Taliban and Al Qaeda for appropriate action.  
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